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CenterSchool Renovation Problems: Charette Will Search for Solutions

by Diane Oberg

At a June 29 public hearing, the architect responsible for renovation of Center School described the goals of the project and outlined possible problems. Among the issues raised were the problems of renovating the school while maintaining its historical integrity, the possibility of building a new school at another location rather than renovating Center School and parents' concerns about what would become of the students during the reconstruction period.

A three day charette will be held July 27 to 29. At these planning sessions educators, preservationists and community members will identify the strengths and weaknesses of the current structure and come up with a general concept plan. This plan will then be submitted for approval, first to the county and then to the state. The target date for submission to the state is September 1.

The school, built in 1937, was designed to serve as the focal point of the original planned community. In 1968, an addition

was constructed, leaving the school with five distinct levels. School Board member Suzanne Plogman noted that the school is on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Prince Georges County Historical Plan. She called the building a "showcase of Art Deco architecture."

R. C. Garcia, Senior Vice President of SHWC, Inc., the architect retained by the school system to head the renovation project, said that the current building's five stories present problems in dealing with elementary school students and make it difficult to provide for the mobility of handicapped children. In addition, he said that support functions, such as the administrative offices, gymnasium and cafeteria are scattered throughout the 51-year old building.

Other problems outlined by Garcia include inadequate playground space and building code violations. He said that the goal of the project is to provide "state-of-the-art" facilities and services.

Balancing these problems were several attributes by Garcia, including the school's accessibility to the community and its historical significance. He said that the building appears to be structurally sound and that the foot-

print of the building is large enough for the proposed modernization.

Garcia said that the final design must provide for "safe migration" to the building both now and in the future, and provide a healthy and comfortable environment and educationally productive experience.

Garcia said there are three general options for the project: to do nothing, to renovate the existing building or to build elsewhere.

Richard Striner, president of the Art Deco Society of Washington, argued for the latter option "if its shortcomings as a school, if any, are totally beyond the corrective reach of vigorous maintenance." He said that "the task here is to save a building — as a building." He did suggest that it might be possible to construct an addition compatible with the historic building, but worried that "the degree of alteration necessary to achieve the Board's specifications might wind up butchering this historic resource."

A Living Community

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, speaking for the city, had a different perspective. He said that although Greenbelt is an historic

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GEAC Takes Issue With Council Over Financing of Police Garage

by Mavis Fletcher

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee, at its July 7 meeting, unanimously adopted a motion opposing a recent city council action which would finance part of the garage at the new police station out of the police department operating budget. At a special meeting on June 28, the council reversed its earlier decision and voted to approve the garage. However, the motion authorizing the garage stipulated that \$14,000 of the \$74,000 cost would be taken from the police operating budget. (The remaining \$60,000, the amount budgeted for the garage, would be taken from the capital improvement budget.) During the discussion, Police Chief James R. Craze accepted the stipulation that his department would have to come up with part of the money.

At the GEAC meeting, Dorothy Pyles, a representative from Greenbriar, read from a June 29 memorandum from Police Chief James R. Craze which stated that part of the \$14,000 would have to be taken from funds

normally allocated to community relations and crime prevention efforts. Specifically, the memo said that next year's Police Safety Day would have to be cancelled and that the police would not have a booth at this year's Labor Day festival or A Safety Patrol party for the children who are crossing guards, and Police Recognition Day would also be put on hold for a year. Craze estimated that \$6,000 could be saved in eliminating these special programs; moreover, another \$2,000 could be saved in overtime costs associated with these events.

Other areas of budget savings mentioned were maintenance and repair of uniforms, a slowdown in replacement of some equipment, and cuts in travel to various meetings.

Craze's memo emphasized that these proposed cuts are "not discretionary funds. Faced with what we believe to be an irretrievable loss, if the garage is not authorized now, it (the budget cuts) is a proposal we grudgingly offer."

GEAC members reacted strongly to the idea that the police budget would have to come up with part of the garage funding. Pyles said, "The only city service we really get is the police department and we need to

back it to the fullest."

On a unanimous vote, GEAC passed a motion calling on the city council to fund the full cost of the garage (out of the capital improvement budget).

The motion went on to express the group's position that the department's public relations programs are an essential part of the police function in the city and should not be sacrificed. The motion will be sent to the individual association boards to be acted on.

Master Plan Position

The committee discussed formulation of a Greenbelt East position on issues raised in the proposed Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt master plan. GEAC Chairman Robert Zugby suggested that GEAC may want to contact other homeowner associations in the city in order to coordinate positions.

Zugby also noted that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which issued the plan, will hold the record open until September 7; on that date comments from the city will be due. Therefore, it will be necessary to get comments from Greenbelt East to the city before that date, Zugby said. Therefore, he asked that each member have com-

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Looking for an Outstanding Citizen

by Betty Allen

Once again the Outstanding Citizen selection committee calls for nominations for the highest honor Greenbelt can bestow on one of its volunteers. Each year since 1973 a selection panel made up of Greenbelt citizens has met during the summer to receive nominations and choose the recipient of the title: Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The Committee has always looked for persons with a wide range of involvements who have provided leadership over a period of years.

It all began in 1971 with a suggestion to the Labor Day Festival Committee that while the Miss Greenbelt contest recognized a young person, Greenbelt's unique volunteer spirit deserved equal recognition. In true Greenbelt style a committee was formed to consider criteria and logistics for such an award. Since 1972 was the year the Festival Steering Committee decided to honor two beloved senior citizens - "Pop" Cipriano and Jerry Goodin - by making them honorary Labor Day Parade marshalls, selection of the first Outstanding Citizen award recipient was delayed until 1973.

As varied as the recipients of the award have been, one phrase particularly describes all of them - by their unselfish concern and strong leadership they have "made a difference." The very first award - in 1973 - went to Al Cousin, long active as a Scoutmaster and a lay leader in Mowatt Methodist Church. Last year's 50th Anniversary Outstanding Citizen was Sandra Barnes, nominated not only for her leadership of the Anniversary committee but for service to the *News Review* and other organizations over many years. Leadership of the *News Review* also distinguished award winners Alfred and Elaine Skolnik and Mary Lou Williamson, while Al Herling and Charles Schwan rallied community support behind the paper when its editors were sued for libel. Past service on City Council and on the GHI Board distinguished both Charles Schwan and Bill Hoff; Greenbelters particularly remember David Lange for his creative leadership during the Community Savings and Loan crisis. Henry Fisher, Clara Brandt, Ralph Noble, Kenneth Baker, Jose Morales - all of these Greenbelters gave hours to activities like the Lion's Club, the Heart Association, the Golden

Nominations may be made using the form elsewhere in the *Greenbelt News Review*. Previous nominations may be re-activated and/or updated. Nominees must be Greenbelt residents. Current elected officials are not eligible. A city employee may be nominated only for activities for which the employee is not paid (excluding nominal payment). More than one person may collaborate in making a nomination, but all nominators must sign the form. Different persons may also submit different nominations for the same nominee. Organizations as a group may not submit a nomination. Deadline for nominations is August 14.

WHAT GOES ON

Sun., July 17, 7 p.m. Rosebud Ragtime Ensemble, Buddy Attick Park

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.



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NAME OF NOMINEE _____

Address _____

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A Living Community Center

On July 27 the process of developing a concept plan for the renovation of Center School will begin. One question the participants in the design charette will consider is whether needed changes can be made without destroying the historical value of the building.

At the recent public hearing on the project, statements were made suggesting that the project should be abandoned and a new school built elsewhere if major modifications were required.

We would urge the School Board, the County's Historical Preservation Commission, which must approve any alterations to the building, and the charette participants not to place such overriding importance on the physical components of the building, except, of course, the front wall with its bas relief panels. Instead, we hope they will focus on the historic function of the school. As even the most stringent preservationists agreed, the most important aspect of the school has always been its function as a school and as an anchor of the community.

We urge participants in the design process to be flexible and to focus on the goal of providing a quality educational facility for our children. We would hate to see a narrow concern with details of bricks and mortar turn the school from a living community center into another deteriorating surplus school.

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Inc.

Football Registration

Friday, July 22 - 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Youth Center

Saturday, July 23 - noon - 5 p.m. at SHL Rec.

Center

Friday, July 29, - 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at SHL Rec.

Center

Saturday, July 30 - noon-5 p.m. at Youth Center

For more information call

567-5231

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ments ready for discussion at the August meeting so that the recommendations can be sent to the association boards for action.

Voter Registration Effort

Robert T. Rudd, president of the Greenwood Village Homeowners Association, asked GEAC to consider asking the city council to move up the scheduled introduction of universal voter registration in Greenbelt. He pointed out that a new state law which allows all voters registered with the county to vote in municipal elections will take effect in January 1990. However, since the next Greenbelt city elections will be held in November 1989, he said he thought that the council should move up the application of the law in Greenbelt so that more voters could participate in the municipal election.

Zugby commented that there would be "enormous difficulties" with the new procedure in the first election after it goes into effect and suggested that such an effort might divert energies which could be better devoted to a voter registration drive.

Beverly Franks, representative from Greenbriar, suggested that each association in Greenbelt East should launch a voter registration drive. Pyles warned that residents would have to register for both the city and the county rolls since the names of those registered only for the city election would be expunged when the new law goes into effect in January 1990, and the effort would have to be done all over again.

As a first step, Zugby asked for volunteers for a committee to plan the effort. Rudd, David Lychenheim of Windsor Green, Pyles and James Foy, president of Hunting Ridge association, were named at this meeting.

The next meeting of GEAC will be held on Thursday, August 4, at the Windsor Green community building.

"Ain't Misbehavin'" Is at the National

by Mary Lou Williamson

"Ain't Misbehavin'" with Nell Carter and the rest of the original broadway cast will play Washington, D. C.'s National Theater through August 6. This recreation, which played on Broadway 10 years ago winning all the top awards for the best musical of 1978, is well worth seeing. The music of "Fats" Waller, the singing, the piano player, the band and choreography offer a great evening of entertainment. Some of the 20's and 30's tunes everyone will recognize: "Ain't Misbehavin'", "Honey Suckle Rose," and "Mean to Me." Our favorite's were "Can't Love Ya, Cause Your Feet's Too Big," "Loungin' at the Waldorf" and "Black and Blue."

This production also brings back the original director, Richard Maltby, Jr., Arthur Faria who recreates the staging of musical numbers and Luther Henderson who supervises music, orchestrations and arrangements.

Performances run Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. with matinees on weekends. Tickets are available through Telecharge, 800-233-3123; Ticketon; or National Theatre Box Office at 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. For group sales call 6628-6166. Other information, 628-6161.

GED Course Now Offered

Greenbelt CARES offers a free G.E.D. preparatory course for students who have not graduated from high school but are interested in taking the high school equivalency exam. This on-going course is running throughout the summer and will end on Tuesday, August 30. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 2 p.m. through 4 p.m., in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Students are encouraged to call Greenbelt CARES at 345-6660 for registration and information.

Public Meeting Addresses Extended Metro and Road

The Springhill Lake Civic Association will hold a public meeting on the upcoming construction of Cherrywood Lane Extended and the future Metro Station.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room above the Springhill Lake Pharmacy. The meeting is open to the public, and we encourage everyone in the Greenbelt area to attend.

The guest speakers will be William Blazek of the Program Control Division of the Prince Georges County Department of Public Works and Transportation and Jerry Gough of the METRO Government Relations Office. Call Stephanie Butler at 982-3049, for further information.

Trash Pick-Up Changes

Residents receiving city refuse collection can now add additional items to their regular trash for pick-up. The city collectors will now collect up to two bags of household trash or yard clippings, or other small items previously requiring special trash. But, of course there is a catch - trash MUST be in plastic garbage bags and it MUST be placed next to your regular trash receptacles. GHI residents who use their trash closets should place these bags next to the closet and label them "Trash".

If you have any questions regarding this new policy please call the Public Works Department at 474-8004.

SENIOR CITIZEN COURSE

The Prince Georges Community College is sponsoring a Senior Citizen Course titled Current Issues. The course will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Library Meeting Room. The class begins now and will end August 17. All are welcome.

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7:00 P.M.

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11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, July 27, 1988

7:00 P.M.

Please call Louise at 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation.

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Letters to the Editor

Parkland Before Pool

As one of those who had written on the parkland issue (and obliquely, I suppose, the indoor swimming pool issue) I would like to respond to a couple of letters in the June 30 News Review.

I, for one, do propose that we use indoor pool money to buy Parcels 1 and 2. The six million dollar bond issue was to do several things. If all of these purchases cannot be made, why should it be the parkland which gets bumped? I propose that the indoor swimming pool, which will also almost certainly cost more than the contract price, not be commenced until whatever money is already "appropriated" for the parkland is committed. (Unlike construction, real estate does not involve over-runs.)

As Mr. Barnett pointed out, the "green belt" was part of Greenbelt's original plan. This is a planned community and I am a patriotic advocate of the plan.

The police building has already taken a bit from the rest of fund. Let's get busy on the appropriation for the one issue which will have a well-defined price.

Robert Rashkin

Two Friends Missed

I have lost two great friends (many others feel the loss too). When I came back to Maryland from Florida, I learned that Leo Gerton and Gladys Noon Spellman had passed away. Leo died from a massive heart attack while he was driving his car. He felt a pain in his chest and then pulled his car to the side of the road and when ambulances came, they tried to revive him, but to no avail.

Gladys Noon Spellman had been in a coma for years; she also passed away recently. I worked in her behalf when she ran for Congress. I have a number of letters from her, invitations to many functions, and pictures of me with her. I also still have copies of her bills and recommendations to Congress. I believe these items may be of historic value and I will either give them to the local library or to the City of Greenbelt. (I will not give them to any individual.)

My mailing address is temporarily in Atlantic City until October and then I go back to Florida. I will spend some time in Massachusetts, also.

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I wish to be as responsive to my constituents as this situation allows. An office secretary on Tuesdays, and my administrative/legislative aide, on Thursdays can be reached in the Annapolis office by calling, toll-free, 858-3105; or in an emergency, call my aide, Mary Randleman, at 449-6382.

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Joan B. Pitkin

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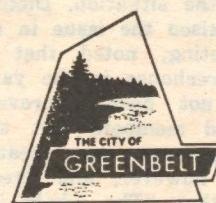
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The third registration, for the Daily Summer Children's Classes, will be held on Saturday, July 16, 9 - 11 a.m. and Monday, July 18, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This is an in-person registration, on a first come, first served basis only. Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday for two weeks beginning Tuesday, July 19. The fourth and final registration will be held Saturday, July 30, 9-11 a.m. and Monday, August 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will NOT be made up.

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6-12 yrs.

FREE/4 classes

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& Thur. 10:30-12 Noon for boys
& girls

Creative Carousel - Pre-School

3-5 yrs.

\$10/8 classes

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3-5 yrs.

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6-12 yrs.

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GHI Board Debates Master Plan

by Sid Kastner

The GHI board of directors held a special meeting on Thursday, July 7, to consider three matters which varied widely in scope.

One issue was whether to grant an exception for a member's privacy screen, a second was enforcement of yard regulations throughout GHI, and a third was the still more complex questions of what positions the housing corporation should take on transportation and zoning proposals contained in the proposed new county Master Plan. The latter discussions, though still preliminary, were detailed enough to stretch the meeting out to the length of a regular meeting, ending about 11:30 p.m.

Master Plan

The new county Master Plan for Langley Park, College Park and Greenbelt contains several proposals for transportation and zoning which are critical to Greenbelt and neighboring municipalities. One major project included is expansion of Kenilworth Avenue Extended/Edmonston Road to become a six-lane arterial highway, ultimately connecting the proposed Inter-County Connector (ICC) with the industrial areas along Kenilworth Avenue south of Greenbelt. As mentioned in the staff memorandums on this subject, the City Council and Advisory Planning Board have repeatedly opposed both the ICC and the Kenilworth widening, for the reasons that still more truck traffic will be funneled through Greenbelt as the expanded Kenilworth Avenue becomes the link between the warehouse and industrial districts in Bladensburg and Beltsville; and that the ICC will produce more commercial development at its intersections with the major arterials such as Georgia Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue and Route 29, rather than alleviating congestion on the Beltway, thus routing more traffic into Greenbelt. The GHI staff memo concurred with the city's views and recommended that the board state its opposition to the ICC.

Other transportation proposals in the new plan which would affect Greenbelt include a realignment of Crescent Road to meet Ivy Lane on the other side of Edmonston Rd. (Kenilworth Ave.) and an extension of Ridge

Road to line up with Cherrywood Lane at Edmonston. GHI Manager Ron Colton said that these proposals are considered to be decisions to be made primarily by the city. The Master Plan also includes a proposal to rezone the Springhill Lake industrial area, adjoining the projected Metro Green Line station, as MXT which would allow mixed uses of office, commercial/retail, hotel and housing. Here again the staff recommended opposing such rezoning as premature, considering the Metro station will probably not be built until 1994.

Colton, speaking for the staff, asked the board for direction on what positions GHI should take on these issues, since written comments on the Plan can be forwarded to the county until September 7.

On the Kenilworth extension, Director Chuck Hess voiced a negative view. Audit Committee member Leta Mach was concerned about safety on Edmonston Road currently, but Hess said he preferred safety improvements that would not involve widening the road. Colton agreed that extending Kenilworth "will affect the quality of life in Greenbelt." With respect to the proposed Inter-County Connector, Director Ray McCawley said that "What Greenbelt doesn't want is for Baltimore traffic to come down to Greenbelt" and that the ICC would route such traffic to Route 50. Director Nancy Hutchins suggested that "the larger community needs the ICC." On the other hand, Williams noted that the city has always opposed the ICC. A board consensus at this point supported the city's position in opposing the Kenilworth extension, but the board decided not to take a position on the ICC.

On the relocations of Crescent Road and Ridge Road, McCawley did not object but Director Mac Wirick saw "no reason to support the realignment of Ridge Road" and Peter Liebscher of the Audit Committee felt that "There will be an impact on GHI (from) more traffic along Ridge Road." Hutchins suggested "We may not need (the realignments of Crescent and Ridge) - maybe we should wait for Metro first, to see if it's necessary." Thus the board will suggest, to the

city, that Ridge not be extended to Cherrywood until the Metro station is built and that the traffic impact of a realigned Crescent Road should first be studied.

Williams concluded the discussion by asking his fellow board members whether GHI should also encourage members to write to the county on these issues. Director Alan Freas, McCawley and others favored such an approach and Hess stated. "The Master Plan is the most important thing to affect GHI since rehabilitation."

Screen Approval

The question of approval for a members' fence in 4 Court Southway has been raised only because the fence was built, manager Colton noted. Wright and Colton showed slides of the fence and its surroundings to give the board a more concrete picture of the situation. Dietrich, who had raised the issue in an earlier meeting, noted that a shed and treehouse in the yard had also not been approved. Other board members felt the yard in general was neatly maintained however, and Freas suggested that "The whole intent of the regulations" is to keep GHI looking good, and this is one of the nicest yards". Wirick thereupon moved to approve the structure. Hutchins commented "I will certainly vote for this motion, but I share (Dietrich's) concern about enforcing the regulations - I'm all for doing what we can to promote obedience to the regulations". After Liebscher of the Audit Committee also spoke in favor of granting the exception, Wirick's motion was passed with Dietrich and McCawley voting against.

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**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt**
M A S S
Municipal Building
Sunday, 10 A.M.

GHI NOTES

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday July 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

A New Member Social will be held on Tuesday July 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. All members who moved into the community during the months of April, May and June are invited to attend.

Recreation Review

Family Moonlight Swim

On Sat., July 16, there will be a family swim for all ages from 8:30 - 10:30 pm at the Pool. There is a fee.

Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Discount theme park tickets are on sale at the Recreation Department Business Office, Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon.

Swim Meet News

by Reed Wirick

At the meet against University Hills this Saturday though beaten by 77 points, our team showed excellent sportsmanship.

This week the most improved swimmers of the week are Meadow Wirick and Richard Cunningham.

The swimmers who scored a lot of points were 13 points: Tara Yaney and Carolyn Drake. 11: Traci McNair, Kathy Barwick, and Kevin Floyd. 10: Josh Kepler and Jeane Kepler, 9: Brigid Harpe, Jenny Drake, Trevor Groft, and Eric Jorgensen. 8: Meadow Wirick.

Our next meet is an away meet Saturday, July 16 at Cheverly.

Arts Center Receives 2-1 Matching Grant

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc., has been awarded a \$1000 grant from the Prince Georges Arts Council to expand its chamber music series to include jazz and traditional music. The grant requires a two-to-one match. The Arts Center will be conducting a fund-raising drive to raise the \$2000 required by the grant. Since the Arts Center lost its lease at the Utopia Theater July 1, the Board of Directors is trying to find a suitable location for the music series in the fall. The series may have to be located outside Greenbelt if a reasonably priced performance space with adequate acoustics cannot be found in the city. Anyone interested in serving on the music committee should call John Ward, the music coordinator, at 345-4487.

At the Library

On Thursday, July 21 there will be Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 at 10:30-11 a.m.

Thurs., July 21 there will be Summer Books Alive for ages 6-12 at 2 p.m. Library Theatre presents live performances of favorite folktales.

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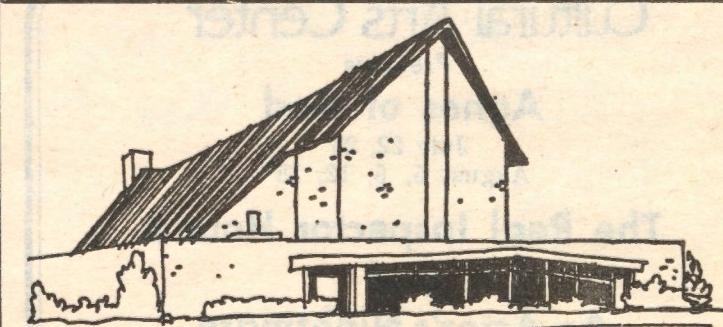
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Responding to Phone Call**Police Surround El Torito**

by Jack Brickman

Greenbelt police, facing a potential hostage situation about 1:50 a.m., Saturday, July 9 at the El Torito restaurant at Greenway Shopping Center, called on units of the Prince Georges County Police Department's Emergency Services Team, the Maryland State Police and the U.S. Park Police for assistance, reports police spokesman David Buerger.

According to Buerger only employees were present, the restaurant having closed to the public, when a man wearing a ski mask and armed with a handgun entered from the roof of the building through a service hatch and climbed down a ladder to an area

Deploying to cover all possible escape routes and preparing a plan of action, a combined force of approximately 40 officers closed east and westbound traffic on Greenbelt Road and north and southbound traffic on Hanover Parkway adjacent to the restauraunt for a period of about three hours, says Buerger.

When police finally entered the restaurant shortly after 5 a.m. they found only the manager and the other employee in the building. The robbery suspect was not found and may have escaped in the confusion before the arrival of the first police units, surmises Buerger.

Nothing was taken and there were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, 5'10" to 6'0", muscular build, last seen wearing a ski mask and brandishing a white metal handgun.

In order to use the North End site, the city would have to raze the building and return the land to the school board. A June 1986 city staff report placed the cost of demolition at \$125,000 including asbestos removal.

Plogman doubted that it is feasible to renovate the North End School as the temporary school during renovations. The estimated cost would be \$2 million.

Another concern of many parents was what plans had been made for educating the students during renovation. Plogman said that the school system would attempt to keep the students together but the location has not been finalized. School system representatives present suggested that the old Bladensburg school might be an option when the new one is completed and said that any relocation would not occur until after the upcoming school year.

She said that the board has identified several possible alternate sites, including two sites along Mandan Road in Greenbelt East, the 72-acre county parcel, formerly owned by the school board, adjacent to Parcel 2, and the North End School site. She said that her impression is that the board members would prefer to keep the school within the core of the city.

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Konrad Herling argued that preservation should not preclude efficient use of the building. He suggested that the board consider the possibility of reducing class size and of using the North End School as a second city school. He said that Center's location is one of its assets and that preserving its architecture and its use of an educational facility would help preserve the unique design and character of the city.

To further that goal, Weidenfeld urged that the school be renovated rather than rebuilt elsewhere and that the school's "unique architectural elements" be preserved. He said that the limitations of the playground can be overcome since the school is welcome to use the surrounding city ballfields and other facilities.

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near the kitchen. Employees scrambled for cover and the manager and one employee ran into restaurant office and locked themselves in, calling police to report a robbery in progress. Other employees who had left the building reported to arriving police that the man with the gun was believed to be in the building with the manager and another employee. Buerger says that anticipating the possibility that the employees still in the restaurant might be held hostage the other police departments were called in for assistance, including a Maryland State Police helicopter.

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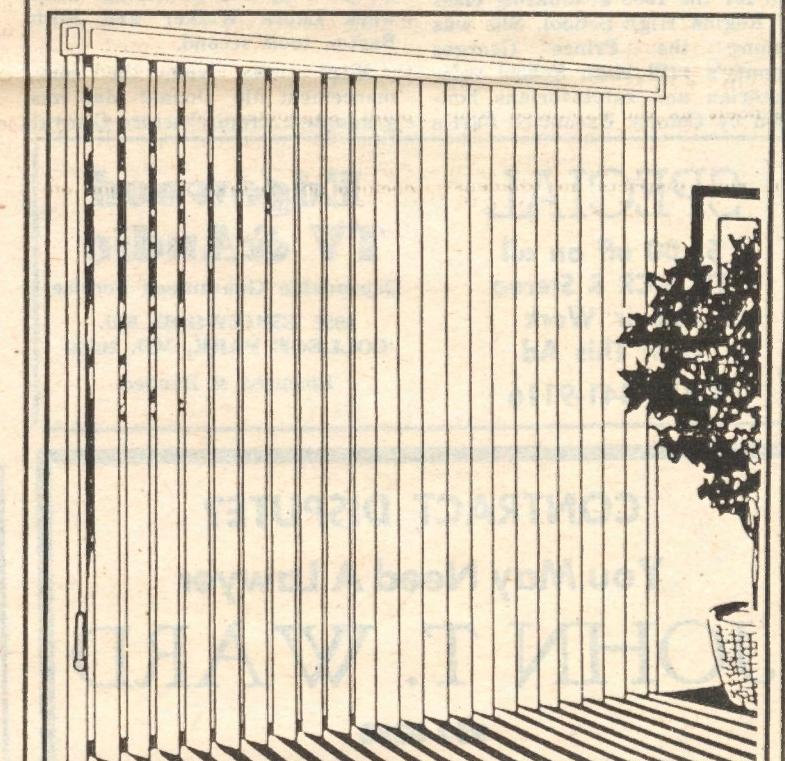
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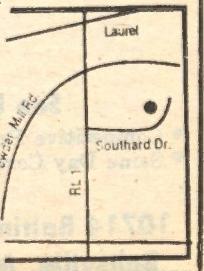
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by Dorrie Bates 345-5961

Condolences to Elaine Skolnik on the death of her father, Joseph Cohen of Florida.

Sgt. Stuart M. Gamache has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army at Ft. Riley, Kansas. The son of Scott Gamache of Lakeside Drive, Sgt. Gamache is a track vehicle mechanic with the 1st Engineer Battalion.

More little newcomers to report again this week. Ashley Renee King was born to Renee Blakey and Marvin King on July 2 at Holy Cross Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs 9 oz. and joins the family in Springhill Drive.

Karen and Timothy Buzzo are the proud parents of Judith Gail Buzzo who arrived at Holy Cross on July 3. She weighed 7 lbs 11 oz.

Shalini Saxena was born on July 1 and weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces. Her parents Virendra and Sharmila Saxena live on Brett Place.

And from slightly further afield comes news of Samantha Elizabeth Styers, firstborn of Margaret Allen and Roger Styers. She was born at Holy Cross on July 1 and weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Margaret is the daughter of Betty Allen, Greenbelt librarian and local historian, and grew up here. The new family lives in Clinton. Welcome all!

Mary Simpson, daughter of Tom and Judy Simpson of Lastner Lane, was named salutatorian for the 1988 graduating class of Regina High School. She was among the Prince Georges County's 1988 High School valedictorian and salutatorians honored by County Executive Parris

Glendening at a breakfast held in May at the Greenbelt Hilton. Mary also served as a member of the County Executive Youth Advisory Council during the year. She will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. Congratulations and good luck, Mary!

Speaking of academic achievement, Eric Weaver made it to the Dean's List at the University of Delaware this spring. A sophomore studying business administration, Eric maintained a grade point average of 3.25 or better. Eric lives on Mandan Terrace.

Margaret Warner of Hillside has been promoted to the rank of full professor at Prince Georges Community College. She works in the Library and is the Director of Technical Services.

Also promoted was H. Randall Poole who moved from assistant to associate professor. Randy is the Coordinator of Cooperative Education, a work/study program in which students gain experience through career-related jobs and receive college credit for their work. A tip of the tassel to you both.

The Bridge Club has been flourishing; there were three tables at the last two meetings. At the July 1 round of hands, Gwen Schlemer and Naija Kanazeh came in first with Claire Jacobs and Peg Wainscott coming in second. Schlemer and Kanazeh repeated their winning ways at the July 8th gathering. That week Laura Walker and Ruth Barton took second.

More news from the commencement file. Donald May has graduated from Victor Central

School in Victor, N.Y. He was tenth out of a graduating class of 250. Donald will be attending the University of Rochester in the fall. His mother Sharon lives on Mandan Court.

Phillip Rodkin son of Avril Rodkin of White Birch Court, received his degree from the University of Chicago recently. A behavioral science major specializing in child development, Podkin graduated with honors and will attend Harvard on a full fellowship to the psychology program. Congratulations Phil!

Bertram N. Fritz has received a Masters degree in Chemical Engineering from M.I.T. He lives on Breezewood Terrace.

Helen F. Webb recently graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Computer Science. She lives in the 21 Court of Ridge. Helen was a former member of the News Review staff.

Commencements of another kind - there have been some retirements from our local schools. Rose Weems leaves Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Ralph Loen from Springhill Lake Elementary, Sylvia Garvin from Greenbelt Center School and Jane Walker from Greenbelt Middle School. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Group Performs Folktales

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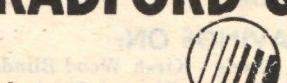
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POLICE BLOTTER

Partial Listing Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Officer Mark Lagerwerf arrested a 40-year-old male resident about 11:25 p.m., July 4 in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane after the man had severely beaten his wife and had struck his daughter in the head with a stick. Both victims were transported to Prince Georges County General Hospital for treatment and later released. The man was brought before a District Court commissioner, where he was held on \$100,000 bond pending trial.

Three officers who responded to a fight about 9:45 p.m., July 6 in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace were battered by a 27-year-old Portsmouth, Virginia man who was under the influence of alcohol and narcotics. The officers received minor injuries and the suspect was treated and released from Prince Georges County General Hospital for minor injuries. He was charged with three counts of assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Before a District Court commissioner he was held on \$5000 bond pending trial.

Windows and related materials valued at about \$10,000 were reported stolen at the Maryland Trade Center III in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive during the night prior to June 27. The same location was broken into between June 28 and 29 by prying padlocks off several doors. The premises were vandalized and an undetermined amount of property was stolen.

In a break-in reported about 7 a.m., July 1 at the Green Ridge House for elderly residents at 22 Ridge Road, the maintenance office was entered by prying open the office door. Maintenance supplies and other items valued at about \$2000 were stolen.

Break-ins occurred on July 1 and July 4 in the 8200 block of Canning Terrace. At the first address, entry was gained by breaking a ground floor window. At the second residence suspects climbed through a second story window by standing on a patio chair. Jewelry and stereo equip-

ment were stolen from both locations, valued at \$1300 and \$2300.

A 27-year-old Riverdale man was arrested about 5 p.m., July 4 at Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park after he bought a quantity of suspected marijuana from an undercover police investigator. He was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and held on \$5000 bond pending trial.

Flim-Flam

An attendant at the Phillips 66 gas station in the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road was the victim of a theft by deception (flim-flam) about 7 p.m., July 3. The purported owner of a lost ring asked the attendant to check an area of the station for the ring, offering a large reward for its recovery. The attendant, searching for the ring, met a man on the lot who showed him a ring which he said he had just found. When told there was a reward for its recovery, the man holding the ring offered it to the attendant for \$200, which the attendant would recover from the owner when the ring was claimed. The attendant complied but the alleged owner never returned for his ring.

The suspect who was given the \$200 was described as white, in his late 20's, 5'8", 155 lbs., blonde hair, wearing blue jeans and a light colored t-shirt. Police caution possible victims that this con has been common in the Washington metropolitan area and urge anyone in a similar situation to call police immediately.

Sgt. John Lann arrested a 20-year-old Silver Spring man about 2:30 a.m., July 3 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, who was yelling obscenities. He was charged with disturbing the peace and released on a citation pending trial.

A resident saw a man trying to break into a residence in the 7400 block of Morrison Drive about 6 a.m., July 3. The suspect had used a picnic bench in an attempt to climb to a second floor balcony and had broken a window with a baseball cap wrapped around his hand. He walked away when he was seen. He was white.

24 years, 5'11", brown hair, wearing blue jeans, a blue flannel shirt and white tennis shoes.

Money was stolen between July 4 and July 5 from a residence in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane, entered in an unknown manner.

In the 7300 block of Sun Rise Court about \$300 damage was done to a sliding glass door between July 1 and 5 in an unsuccessful attempt to break in. In the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace a glass pane was broken out of a balcony door on July 1, causing about \$300 damage, a glass entrance door was shattered with a BB gun on July 3 and an apartment window was broken on July 5, causing \$150 damage.

A large amount of plywood was stolen over the weekend of July 2-5 from a construction site on Ora Glen Drive.

Officer James Donovan arrested a 13-year-old male resident about 4 p.m., July 3 in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, who was stealing hood ornaments from parked cars. He was charged with theft, malicious destruction of property and rogue and vagabond (possession of burglar tools) and was released to his parents pending action by the juvenile court.

Storage bins were broken into between June 30 and July 3 in the 6200 block of Breezewood Court and the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace. A slide projector was stolen from the first location and miscellaneous property valued at about \$180 was stolen from the second bin.

Arrested

Pfc. Matthew Carr arrested a 19-year-old male resident about 1:20 p.m., July 1, who became disorderly during a domestic argument in the 6 Court of Parkway and refused to leave. Charged with disorderly conduct, he was released on a citation pending trial. On July 7 Pfc. Carr arrested a 28-year-old D.C. man at the Thrif-D discount drug store at Beltway Plaza for shoplifting. He was held on a theft charge on \$500 bond.

A maroon 1986 Chevy Spectrum 4-door sedan, D.C. 295-031

Golden Age Club

by Mary Gardner

Anthony "Tony" Ciorcia, Vice Chairman of the Prince Georges County Council, will be the speaker at our meeting on July 20.

On July 27, Marty Weber from Congressman Steny Hoyer's office will speak on "Estates."

At our July 6 meeting, members with July birthdays were recognized, and everyone enjoyed delicious birthday cake.

was stolen July 2 from the rear parking lot at Beltway Plaza and on July 4 a white 1987 Mercury Sable station wagon, Md. VNN 322 was stolen from Kenilworth Avenue north of Crescent Road.

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It is especially important that members trim hedges, trees, and other plantings which may be overhanging public walkways. Staff will be monitoring these areas closely and will do trimming if members fail to do it themselves.

At recent meetings the Board of Directors and Management staff focused on yard inspections and reviewed ways to improve the appearance of the community. Members are encouraged to take a look at the appearance of their yards, fences and sheds. Look for more specifics on this topic next week.

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